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SCORES BUNGLING IN BRICK SUPPLY

ENTERPRISES COMPLAIN OF BRICK SHORTAGE -- Dziennik Lodzki, 16 Jun 50

Numerous construction enterprises are complaining of a brick shortage. The complaints in Lodz are especially loud, since the building activity has not been able to continue. The brick supply from demolished buildings has been completely used up. All this happens at a time when many brickyards in the vicinity of Lodz have a large surplus of bricks.

The brickyard in Strykow has 500,000 Grade I bricks on hand, and 300,000 more will be taken from the kilns within a few days. The management of the brickyard is complaining that large stock piles of bricks are impeding operations within the brickyard, and that it does not have enough workers to haul them elsewhere. Similar conditions exist in the Gospodarz brickyard near Lodz.

The Moldzieniaszek brickyard in Pabianice is struggling with difficulties of a different nature. It has a sufficient amount of clay for bricks in its vicinity, but it cannot utilize it because the clay deposits are privately owned.

OPEN NEW BRICKYARD -- Rzeczpospolita, 6 May 50

A new brickyard, which produces brick from rubble, was opened in Stawiguda, Olsztyn Powiat.

MAKE BRICK FROM PREHEATED CLAY -- Dziennik Polski, 7 May 50

The method of preheating the clay before molding bricks, developed for the first time by engineer Bartoszewicz, is becoming widespread.

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To teach this method, the Central Administration of Building Ceramics has opened a special training center at the Witaszyce Plant, Poznan Wojewodztwo, in order to introduce it in all Polish brickyards.

Bricks made of preheated clay require a shorter drying period, thus increasing production tempo.

TO PRODUCE NEW BUILDING MATERIALS -- Zycie Warszawy, 4 May 50

Important expansion in the production of prefabricated building materials is foreseen under the Six-Year Plan.

At present, the CZP (Central Office of Prefabrication Industry) has many prefabrication enterprises producing nearly 300 different kinds of building materials.

Among other things, the production of wire-compressed concrete will be started. This form of concrete is being substituted for wood in buildings, especially scaffolding. Production will begin on lightweight concrete called "siporex" and "ytong" for building blocks and slabs. Construction time will be cut in half and costs by nearly 30 percent through use of light concrete. Production will be started on a durable plaster, to be sprayed on, which is expected to last at least 20 years.

Attention will be given to the production of prefabricated houses. Wall units will be made of metallurgical slag.

Another new product will be "golveten," a flooring with elasticity and other physical properties of wood flooring.

INVENTS NEW TYPE OF SCAFFOLDING -- Zycie Warszawy, 21 Jun 50

Engr Stefan Bromke invented a new type of scaffolding which will replace the wooden scaffolding built from the ground to the working level. The new invention consists of a metal platform with a guard rail fastened and suspended by means of lines.

The KAM State Building Enterprise saved 5,565,286 zlotys by using the new type of scaffolding on the erection of the 15-floor Ministry of Communications Building on Chalubinska Street.

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